

## 2009 FORT KNOX ARCHERY DEER HUNT GUIDELINES

1. The following completed documents **must** be in your possession at all times while in the hunting areas:

- a. Kentucky State Hunting License (out-of-state hunters need an annual non-resident license).
- b. Kentucky State Deer Permit (out-of-state hunters need a non-resident deer permit)
- c. Fort Knox Archery Deer Hunt Permit/tags
- d. Hunter Education Certificate - required for hunters age 12-60. The one-time hunter education exemption is acceptable but the hunter must be accompanied by an adult that meets the hunter education requirements above.

\* A Hunter Information/Liability Release form (IMSE-KNX-PW Form 3553) must be turned in to the Hunt Control Office.

\* Proof of military status for military category hunters and photo ID for residency status must be shown when purchasing permit.

2. Legal hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset, or as indicated on the area assignment sheet. Season dates are 12 September - 16 November, 2 - 9 December and 14 December - 10 January. **No hunting on Tuesdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.**

3. You may sign-up yourself, and up to four others, for an area up to 48 hours in advance. 50 percent of hunter spaces in each area will be reserved for military hunters until 1:00 P.M. the day before each hunting day. Hunters may not be signed into more than one area at a time.

4. All hunters must pick up their Recreational Area Assignment sheet (IMSE-KNX-PW Form 2973) at the Hunt Control Office, Bldg. No. 112, 11th Ave. and Binter St. All personnel entering the installation are subject to search at any time by the military police.

5. All hunters must clear their hunting area with the Hunt Control Office daily, by the prescribed clearance time. Clearance may be done by calling the Hunt Control Office (624-7311/2712) or in person by turning in your copy of the Recreational Area Assignment sheet and verbally assuring to Hunt Control personnel that you are clear of the area. **Failure to clear on time is grounds for suspension of hunting privileges for 1 year.**

6. Bag Limits. **A hunter shall not take, or attempt to take, an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 12 inches at any time.** One antlerless deer and one deer of either sex (antlerless or antlered with an overall antler spread of at least 12 inches) may be taken per hunter. An antlered deer is a deer with at least one antler 4 inches long, or longer, as measured from the skin at the base of the antler to the furthestmost tip. Additional antlerless permits will be available for purchase for use in specified areas only. Harvested deer **must** be tagged according to the Deer Tagging Procedures instruction sheet attached to each tag. Hunters **must** then check their deer at the Deer Check Station, which is located at the Hunt Control Office during the archery season. Failing to check your deer at the check station will be grounds for suspension of hunting privileges and prosecution by Fort Knox officials. Archery deer hunters may also harvest 2 turkeys (fall archery and gun seasons combined, one bird per day and no more than one bird may have a beard length of 3 inches or longer), provided they have a Kentucky Fall Turkey Permit and a Fort Knox Fall Turkey Permit. Harvested turkeys must have the Fort Knox Fall Turkey Permit attached before moving the bird. Turkeys **must** also be checked in at the Hunt Control Office. Archery hunters may take an unlimited number of coyotes and feral hogs.

7. Legal Hunting Equipment. Bows **must** have a minimum 40-pound draw weight; longbows, recurves, or compounds only. Bows may not have any device that holds an arrow at full or partial draw without the aid of

the archer. Crossbows are not permitted except for handicapped hunters who have a valid crossbow usage card from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. Only razor sharp broadhead arrows not less than 7/8 inch in width are permitted. Mechanical broadheads are permitted.

8. Only portable tree stands are permitted. The use of screw in steps, spikes, and nails that injure trees are prohibited. Tree stands must be removed from the installation by the end of the archery season.

9. All archery hunters are **required** to possess a current Fort Knox Hunting and Fishing **map** and a **flashlight** while hunting. Maps can be purchased at the Hunt Control Office. A compass and/or GPS are highly recommended, and it is recommended you carry matches/lighter to start a fire in case of an emergency.

10. Do not tamper with duds or any other objects. Report duds to the Hunt Control Office. Watch for open wells and don't cross streams during high water periods. Be **ABSOLUTELY** sure of your target before you draw your bow. Crush out all smokes; no open fires. Always wear a safety belt while in a tree. Never climb a tree with your bow, use a pull string.

11. When signing into a hunting area, **record an accurate local phone number on the area assignment sheet where you can be reached for emergency purposes and/or clearance verification.**

12. Junior hunters under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No more than two junior hunters with one adult.

13. No hunting within 100 yards of an improved road, building, or structure. No person shall discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or other similar device upon, over, or across any improved (asphalt or rock based) roadway. The Salt and Rolling Fork Rivers are off limits.

14. Camping at Fort Knox is permitted only at Camp Carlson (502) 624-4836.

15. Glass containers of any type are prohibited in the hunting areas.

16. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or any intoxicant in the hunting areas, or hunting under the influence of any intoxicant is **strictly prohibited.**

17. Firearms or ammunition are not allowed in your possession while archery deer hunting on Fort Knox.

18. Privately-owned vehicles will not be authorized on unimproved roads, trails, or fire breaks in the hunting areas. Violators will be cited. All vehicles will be driven by the most direct, authorized route to and from the assigned hunting area. No parking in bivouac sites or built-up portions of ranges.

19. Baiting wildlife, such as placing grains, fruits or other natural or manufactured food materials, is prohibited.

**20. Persons that desire to hunt at Fort Knox release the U.S. Government and its agents from liability as identified in the Individual Release of Liability/Hold Harmless Agreement posted in the Hunt Control Office.**

**21. There will be no standby hunting. All civilian hunters must apply between 1-15 Aug.**

22. The final phase of the archery deer season will be conducted 14 December - 10 January. Hunters eligible to hunt during this phase of the archery season are hunters that were drawn for the early archery hunt, but did not harvest the bag limit. **Archery deer hunters eligible to hunt during the period 2 December – 10 January may also harvest one bobcat at Fort Knox. Bobcats must be telechecked with the KDFWR**

at 1-800-245-4263 and checked in at the Hunt Control Office. Bobcats harvested at Fort Knox are not in addition to the statewide five bobcat limit.